



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5064

LCO No. 608

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety

Introduced by:
(PS)

***AN ACT INCREASING THE WITNESS FEE PAID TO POLICE
OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of section 52-260 of the
2 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

4 (b) When any regular or supernumerary [policeman] police officer
5 or any regular, volunteer or substitute [fireman] firefighter of any
6 town, city or borough is summoned to testify in any criminal
7 proceeding pending before the Superior Court or the Department of
8 Agriculture and Consumer Protection and the [policeman] police
9 officer or [fireman] firefighter receives no compensation from the
10 town, city or borough by which he is employed for the time so spent
11 by him, the [policeman] police officer or [fireman] firefighter shall be
12 allowed and paid two hundred forty dollars, together with the mileage
13 allowed by law to witnesses in criminal cases, for each day he is
14 required to attend the proceedings.

15 (c) When any regular or supernumerary [policeman] police officer

16 or any regular or substitute [fireman] firefighter is summoned to
 17 testify in his capacity as a [policeman] police officer or [fireman]
 18 firefighter in any court in a civil action and the [policeman] police
 19 officer or [fireman] firefighter receives no compensation from the
 20 municipality by which he is employed for the time he is in attendance
 21 at court, there shall be allowed and paid to the [policeman] police
 22 officer or [fireman] firefighter a witness fee of two hundred forty
 23 dollars, together with the mileage allowed by law to witnesses in
 24 criminal cases, for each day he is required to attend court. If the
 25 [policeman] police officer or [fireman] firefighter testifies in any such
 26 proceeding or civil action on a vacation day or compensatory day off,
 27 he shall be paid the sum of two hundred forty dollars, together with
 28 the mileage allowed by law, notwithstanding the fact that he is
 29 receiving compensation for such day from the town, city or borough
 30 by which he is employed.

31 (d) The amounts paid under subsections (b) and (c) of this section
 32 shall be taxed as a part of the costs, and shall be in lieu of all other
 33 witness fees payable to such [policeman] police officer or [fireman]
 34 firefighter.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2004</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To increase the witness fees for police officers and firefighters from forty to two hundred forty dollars.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]